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[June 12 - 14 Kansas Immunization Conference](#)
Salina, Annual Conference hosted by the Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention

[June 19-20 Kansas Empowering Youth and Young Adults Summit \(KEYSummit\)](#)
Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center - Topeka — how we can support healthy futures for youth and young adults

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KanCare Update

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On January 30, 2018, KDHE gave notice to Maximus, the state's Medicaid clearinghouse administrator, that it was not in compliance with the terms of its contract and thereby giving them six months to get back into compliance.

Since that notice:

- Maximus has submitted a compliance plan.
- KDHE has been tracking them, every day, against that plan.
- Maximus has shown signs of improvement.
- KDHE is now reviewing the results of Maximus' performance over that period and will hold them to the letter of the agreement.



We will keep you updated on our review and next steps with Maximus.

Visit to Washington, D.C.

I recently visited Washington, D.C. to collaborate with local and federal partners on solutions for rural health care.



While there I met with staff from Kansas' Congressional delegation, including Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran and Representatives Lynn Jenkins, Ron Estes and Kevin Yoder.

Very good meetings working as a team for the state of Kansas.

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<http://www.kdheks.gov/administration/index.html>

Division of Public Health

Governor's Task Force to Address Substance Use Disorders

- KDHE Chief Medical Officer Dr. Greg Lakin hosted the second meeting on May 24th. Members reviewed and discussed the plans for their recommendations to the Governor regarding prevention and treatment options.

Lemonade for Life

- Bureau of Family Health is offering trainings on [Lemonade for Life](#) (LFL) at no cost to providers. LFL is a trauma-informed, hope-infused approach to using Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) research in our work to improve outcomes for children and families. Addressing ACEs is a key to supporting broad health and well-being in the state.

KEYSummit - Kansas Empowering Youth and Adults

- BFH is hosting an adolescent health summit in Topeka June 19-20. The KEYSummit will be an exciting opportunity to learn and share about how—collectively—we can be the keys that empower and lift up youth and young adults in Kansas, helping them to improve their lives and expand their vision of what is possible. [Click here for more information.](#)



Division of Health Care Finance

State Employee Health Plan

- The State Employee Health Plan had an 8.5% decrease in total paid per claimant from 2016 to 2017.

Division of Environment

Seismic Activity in Kansas

- On May 16th a public meeting was held in Hutchinson to discuss seismic activity in central and south-central Kansas. KDHE Bureau of Water (BOW), the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) attended and discussed how the agencies work collaboratively to monitor seismic activity in Kansas.

Storage Tank Program

- EPA Region 7 recently recognized KDHE's Storage Tanks Program for being substantially compliant with leaking underground storage tank corrective action requirements under the State Program Authorization.

Graham Co. Flooding (pictured below)

- Bureau of Waste Management provided technical assistance to KDEM and local governments regarding the management and disposal of debris generated by flooding in Graham and Gove Counties. KDHE provides guidance to counties regarding waste screening and to grant special approvals for disposal in the local county demolition debris landfill.



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